

Conemaugh, Pa.

Since we were last heard from at this place several things have occurred of which I desire to speak. On Tuesday evening, Jan. 9, 1900, your humble servant and family were made the happy recipients of a large donation given us by about sixty of our members and friends. This token of friendship, kindness, benevolence and fellowship was highly appreciated by us, and in return will say thanks, many thanks, and that we pray that God's richest blessings may rest upon all the donors and kind hearts that not only filled our house almost to overflowing but also our larder. Again I say may God abundantly bless all who had a hand in this act of great kindness. It is encouraging when a pastor knows his efforts are appreciated. I gave them the right of way in the house and if you could have seen how they handled a 200 pound preacher, 150 pound doctor, ladies of various weights, and many others too tedious to mention you would have thought that they would have taken the right of way without any leave. The evening was pleasantly spent by all present.

On last Sunday evening, Jan. 14, 1900, after our regular preaching services the matter of a pastor for the ensuing year was determined upon; and the writer received a unanimous call to serve this church. Not a dissenting voice was heard. This is a call for the seventh year as pastor of the Conemaugh congregation. My heart's desire and prayer to God is that the coming year may be a successful one not only here but throughout the brotherhood.

One of our sisters and her husband who is not a member of the church remained for the business meeting and after the meeting was over and all were excused he came up to me and made application for membership in the church. We greeted him and soon he will be one of our number. So the good work is going on and God is adding such as should be saved. More anon.

J. F. KOONTZ

Wauseon, Ohio

As this is a very gloomy day it makes me feel sad. And I thought a little talk to the dear Evangelist, a welcome visitor in our home, would be sufficient to drive away the gloomy feeling. We are all very glad to get the paper, as we cannot attend the meeting of our choice, and am glad to say that the paper is as a sermon.

As our pastor, Bro. Griso, is at this writing engaged in a revival meeting at Bryan, Ohio, I cannot be with the dear brothers and sisters at that place but my mind is there. Hope there will some poor souls seek Christ and find him precious to their soul. Let us enter in at the straight gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat. Sometimes we get discouraged and say, 'tis all in vain for us to live a Christian life and walk in Jesus' name," but when we hear our Master say, "I'll lend you a helping

hand, and if you'll only trust me, I'll guide you to that land." Yes, the dear Savior is ever standing with out stretched arms, ready to save souls, if we are only willing to come to him. Pray for one who dearly loves the Brethren church.

MARY STUTZMAN.

North Manchester, Indiana

Two were received by letter since last report. Brother Write did the preaching during the pastor's absence to the satisfaction of all. Brother Wise, of Cerro Gordo, Ill., has located here. He is an excellent young man and will be a great help to us. We may hold another revival meeting here soon.

Nappanee.—We closed a protracted meeting at this place without any accessions, but we all know by outward appearance that the meeting was not a failure. Brethren Perry and Talley stimulated a Missionary zeal in the Bible Conference. Thanks to you brethren, come again. Thanks to brother W. H. Miller for a sermon. Thanks to the Nappanee brethren for a fine overcoat.

B. H. FLORA.

Louisville, Ohio

Since the last news from this place great work has been done, both financial and spiritual.

The Sisters' Society prepared a supper from which was cleared about thirty dollars. Our sisters are good workers especially if the work is for a good cause. Brother Welty began revival services a few weeks ago. Considerable rainy weather and as a result bad roads. The meetings were well attended.

The sermons were good. Every one who attended the services in the right spirit received food for the soul.

I take the liberty to name some of the subjects: The Wayward Son, Influence, Eternal Life, and The Holy Spirit. When the services closed two souls had left all and followed Jesus.

On the following day another decided to accept Christ. May the Word continue to have its effect in winning souls to the Master.

OMER HUFF

Buckeye City Items

Closed our revival at Ankenytown Jan. 21st. The results of this meeting were ten conversions. Eight were baptized and received into the church. One young man is yet to be baptized. Another man who is section boss on the B & O R R. and who was formally a Methodist but had fallen away came out and again renewed his vows but on account of soon moving away, wished to retain his membership in the Methodist church. Others say they will come soon.

J. L. KIMMEL.

Miamisburg, O.

Closed our meetings here Wednesday evening. Baptized nine young men and boys. All received into the church by confirmation, increasing the membership of the church here twenty per cent. The Lord is surely very gracious.

J. M. BOWMAN.

Our Dead

KURTZ.—Noah Franklin Kurtz was born March 8, 1859, he united with the Brethren church June 29, 1888, was married to Anna D. Cain Oct. 29, 1892. The family circle is broken, the silver cord is loosed, the wheel is broken at the cistern, but there remain to mourn his loss a wife, father and mother two brothers and a sister, and a large concourse of friends. Life's pathway to him has been strewn with thorns instead of roses, with more shadows than sunshine, with more melancholy days than joyful ones. On account of the hand of affliction which preyed long upon his vitals his sufferings were great, but like the faithful in Christ he bore it like a hero for Jesus's sake. Kind hearts and loving hands ministered to his every necessity, but the helping hand of mortals was too weak; the last conflict came on the enemies own chosen field Friday morning, January 19, 1900, the spirit of brother Frank went home to God. Aged 40 years, 10 months and 11 days. He is beyond the enemies reach; the battle is fought, the victory won, and a soldier of the cross gone to join his comrades on the shores of eternal day where sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more, where the hallowed presence of the Sun of righteousness is the illuminary forever. Dear husband, son and brother, thou hast gone from our presence but we cherish thy memory still hoping that in the glorious morning of that better resurrection will be a reunion where affliction, sorrow, pain and death are known no more, and where God with his own soft hand shall wipe all tears away.

We'll never say good by in heaven,
We'll never say good-by
For in that land of joy and song
We'll never say good-by.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

North Manchester, Ind.

SHAFFER—At Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 9, of pneumonia, sister Bertha E., daughter of brother and sister Francis Shaffer, aged 24 years, 8 months and 18 days. Sister Bertha had been a sufferer since childhood. Funeral services conducted at Silver Creek, Jan. 11, by brother J. E. Braker. Text, "She hath done what she could."

PEARL LUTZ.

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Not all life's pains cause outcry which men hear; not all griefs hang crape on the door. The bitterest sorrows must oftentimes be borne in silence and in secret, only God knowing of them. We know not what burdens of personal pain and trial any life that seems sunny and glad may be bearing. Perhaps this may be the cause of the uncongeniality and the unlovableness which so much offends you in your neighbor.